

VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
AUGUST 24, 2021
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET
6:30 P.M.

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the **24th day August 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.**

You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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The public will be permitted to offer public comments via telephone as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the telephone conference will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Presentation on the Coastal Plains LECP Ready Safe notification system by Gustavo Lopez, Emergency Health and Safety Specialist with Chemours.
5. Presentation on the financial report for the Fireworks Extravaganza by the Pride of Taft.
6. Consider, discuss, and take action upon the proposed tax rate for the City of Taft and take record vote.
7. Consider, discuss, and take action upon the proposed tax rate for the City of Taft Deannexed SW and take record vote.
8. Discuss, consider, and act to approve a request for proposal for the replacement of the Taft Volunteer Fire Department building roof.

9. Discuss, consider, and take action on Ordinance No. 1080, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Taft, designating and creating a Volunteer Fire Department and providing for the creation of the position of Fire Chief and setting the procedures for establishing the department.
10. Discuss, consider and take action on amending Ordinance No. 1071, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Code of Ordinances, amending Ordinance No. 968 and rescinding Ordinance No. 984 to designate that the Chief of Police be a municipal officer appointed, hired, and removed by the City Council; providing a savings and severability clause; and providing an effective date.
11. Discussion on update of the status of fire hydrants.
12. Discussion on update of the status of the Animal Control shelter.
13. Discuss and take action, if necessary, on the proper storage location for sprayer, chemicals and other solutions for COVID-19 and current location of property. (*Councilman Vasquez*)
14. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
15. Executive Session:
 1. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its Attorney to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding: Agreement with Taft ISD on the Taft Water Park.
 2. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its Attorney to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding agreement with Taft Volunteer Fire Department.
 3. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: Chief of Police Ponce Trevino.
16. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive session.
17. Adjournment

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

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| 1. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 | Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney. |
| 2. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 | The purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property , if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. |
| 3. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 | A contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on |

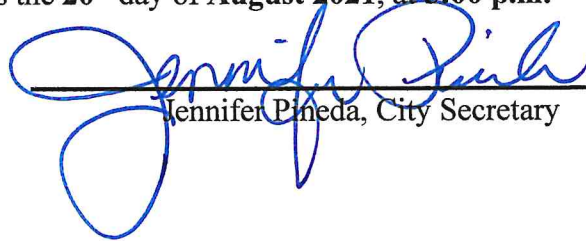
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4. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 **Personnel matters** involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee.
5. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of **security personnel or devices**.
6. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 Deliberations regarding **economic development negotiations**.

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the 20th day of August 2021, at 5:00 p.m.



Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary